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PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant: Chaco, et al.
Serial No.: 09/883,424
Filing Date: June 18, 2001
Title: PATIENT CARE AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEM
Group: 2635
Examiner: Unknown
Attorney Docket No.: 8266-0681



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On November 13, 2001

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Dated: November 13, 2001

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response in the above-identified application:

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	22	20*	2	\$18	\$36
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	10	3**	7	\$84	\$588
If applicant has small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27, then divide total fee by 2, and enter amount here.				SMALL ENTITY TOTAL	NO
TOTAL FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS					\$624

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An Extension of Time for _____ month(s) is hereby requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). The required fee for filing this extension is: _____

Information Disclosure Statement _____

TOTAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT _____

\$624

XX A check in the amount of \$624 to cover the total fee for this amendment is attached.

Statement(s) of Status as Small Entity Under 37 C.F.R. 1.27 has (have) been filed.

Statement(s) of Status as Small Entity Under 37 C.F.R. 1.27 is (are) being submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 which may be required during the prosecution of this application, or credit of any overpayment, to Bose McKinney & Evans LLP's Deposit Account No. 02-3223. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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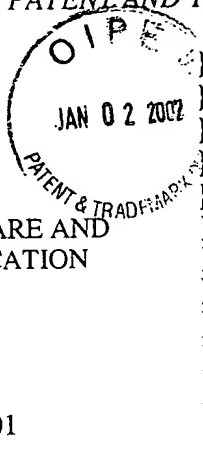
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1.

Please add new claims 31-52 as follows:

31. A patient control unit, including:

a housing;

a first switch mounted to the housing having a first terminal coupled to a first conductor and a second terminal coupled to a reference voltage; and

a self-test switch mounted to the housing having a first terminal coupled to a test conductor and a second terminal coupled to the first conductor;

wherein the self-test switch actuates in response to a test signal provided on the test conductor by a remote circuit thereby verifying continuity from the first switch first terminal to